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1. IN TWO SHORT SPEECHES GIVEN FEBRUARY 4, THE DAY OF HIS RETURN TO ANGOLA, MPLA PRESIDENT DR AGOSTINHO NETO CALLED FOR THE UNITY, DISCIPLINE AND THE HARD WORK NECESSARY TO OVERCOME ANGOLA'S SERIOUS PROBLEMS. HE STRESSED THE NEED FOR A GENUINE UNITY WHICH GOES BEYOND PERSONAL AND PARTY AMBITIONS AND BEYOND THE PLATITUDES SPOKEN ONLY BEFORE MICROPHONES. HE CHARACTERIZED UNITY AS A NECESSITY TO THWART NEO-COLONIALIST EFFORTS AT EXPLOITING INTERNAL POLITICAL DIFFERENCES. HE REMINDED HIS LISTENERS THAT HE AND THE MPLA MILITANTS WHO HAVE ARRIVED SINCE NOVEMBER 8 ARE NEITHER "GODS OR PROPHETS" COME TO RESOLVE ALL PROBLEMS BUT NEED THE COLLABORATION OF ALL TO BUILD A PROGRESSIVE AND DEMOCRATIC ANGOLA.

2. NETO ALLUDED TO MPLA DISSIDENT DANIEL CHIPENDA AS ONE FALLEN BY THE WAYSIDE DUE TO HIS OWN MISTAKES. HE EXPRESSED GRATITUDE FOR THE SOLIDARITY AND SYMPATHY EXPRESSED BY THE
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PEOPLE OF CUBA, ZIMBABWE, SOUTH AFRICA, THE USSR, NAMIBIA AND

VIETNAM AND MENTIONED THAT DELEGATIONS FROM THESE COUNTRIES
WERE PRESENT FOR HIS HOMECOMING. NETO PROMISED HELP FOR THE
PEOPLES OF ZIMBABWE, SOUTH AFRICA AND NAMIBIA WHO ARE STILL
RULED BY WHITE MINORITIES.
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